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SOMETHING WORTH KNOWING.

The savings bank is not the strong box of the capitalist or the hoarding place of the millionaire. It is the bank of the workman and the farmer, the safety vault of the laborer and the artisan, and the money there represents the savings from daily wages and the remnants of honest toil.

David H. Plummer, of Boston State, Albany county, Md., a pumpman in the employ of the Consolidated Coal Company, recently completed a clock that is a mechanical wonder, rivaling in mechanism and architectural beauty, the celebrated clock of the old continent. Mr. Plummer's clock, including the case, is 6 feet high, 1 foot deep, and 3 feet wide. It is a cherry case, handsomely decorated with scroll-work and the face, which is fifteen inches in diameter, displays exquisite workmanship. The structure is divided into three sections or floors, the top of which is a clock face, the middle of three floors is a roller organ with a repertoire of six tunes, one of which it plays every hour. While the organ plays the figures of six of the apostles make a number of circuits on a rotary platform, which comprises the second floor. The are other minor devices which add to the pleasure and wonder of the spectator.

In 1870, according to the official figures, there were in Massachusetts 139 savings banks with \$25,729 deposits during a gross sum of \$1,745,097, or an average to each man, woman and child in the State of \$53.14.

In 1880, seven years after, "the crisis," \$25,172 deposits were registered in 139 banks with a total of \$3,575,593.97, or an average of \$147.98 for each individual.

Already sixty-five towns or villages have failed entirely, or have refused on account of low price, to place their bills. The amount thus represented falls up \$1,094,456, and includes the projected loss of \$1,537,725 required for school and other improvements. If the mere agitation of free coinage is sufficient to cause distrust among the people, the actual accomplishment of it would result in nothing short of panic.

It is not more than probable that with the enormous premium offered for its mining, the cupidity of man would make an over-supply continuous with the necessary result of a steady depreciation as long as the silver dollar could be kept in circulation at all. Under the laws of finance, which are as fixed as those of any other science, the inevitable result would finally be a currency all but absolutely flat. There is no difference in principle between a dollar half flat and one all flat. The latter, as the cheapest, under the logic of "cheap money," would surely drive the other out.

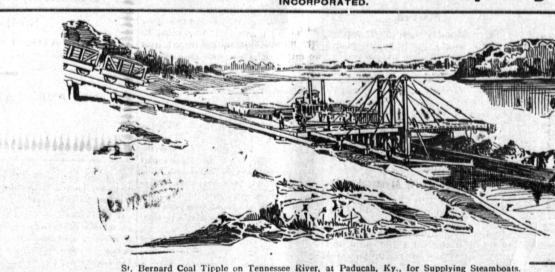
Any attempt on the part of the Government to create by its fiat, money of a fictitious value, would amount to "a new issue of paper money," equals "an infinite reproach upon the national character. The business and financial consequences of such an immoral act would be world-wide, because our commercial relations are world-wide. All the money of the world would be made, not by other lands must be made, not by the money which may be legally current in our own country, but in gold, the standard of all nations with which our relations are most cordial and extensive, and no legislative enactment can free us from that inevitable necessity. It is a known fact that more than 80 per cent. of the commerce of the world is settled in gold or on a gold basis.

Such free coinage legislation, if ever consummated, would discriminate against every producer of wheat, cotton, corn, or rice, who should in justice be equally entitled, with the silver owner, to sell his products to the United States Treasury, at a profit fixed by the Government—and against all producers of iron, steel, zinc or copper, who might properly claim that their metals made into coin would be a fraud upon all persons forced to accept a currency thus stimulated and at the same time degraded.

A ONE-SIDED POLICY.

In every aspect, the proposed policy is partial and one-sided, because it is only when a profit can be made by a mine owner or dealer, that he takes his silver to the mint for coinage. The Government is always at the losing end. Stamp such fictitious value upon silver ore, and a dishonest and unjust discrimination will be made against every other form of industry. When silver bullion, worth

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little more than fifty cents, made into a legal tender dollar, driving out one having a purchasing and debt-paying power of one hundred cents, it will clearly be done at the expense and injury of every class of the community.

Those who contend for the free and unlimited coinage of silver may believe in all honesty that while the present ratio of silver to gold is as thirty to one (not sixteen to one), silver will rise above the existing market value. If it does so the rise will be to make the loss to all the people so much less, but such an opinion is, but a hazardous conjecture at best, and is not justified by experience.

Within the last twenty years this Government has bought about \$400,000,000 ounces of silver from the decline when the supply is augmented by the offerings of all the world. The loss upon these silver purchases to the people of this country has now been nearly \$150,000,000.

The dollar of our fathers, about which so much is said, was an honest dollar, silver maintaining a parity of intrinsic value with gold. The fathers would have spurned and ridiculed a proposition to make a silver dollar worth only fifty-three cents stand of equal value with a gold one worth a hundred cents. The experience of all nations proves that any depreciation, however slight, of another standard, from the parity with gold, has driven the more valuable one out of circulation, and such experience in a matter of this kind is worth much more than mere interest in speculative opinion. The fact that few gold coins are seen in ordinary circulation for domestic use is no proof at all that the metal is not performing a most important function in business affairs. The foundation of the house is not always in sight, but the house would not stand an hour if there were no foundation. The great engineering that moves the ocean steamship is not always in view of the passenger, but it is, all the same, the propelling force of the vessel, without which it would soon become a worthless derelict.

It may be instructive to capitalists to know how the free always induces

comforts of life in the hope of being able to accumulate enough to buy or build homes of their own. They have sided in the erection of over a million of houses, which are now affording comfort and shelter for five millions of our thirty people.

Free coinage at the arbitrary rate of sixteen ounces of silver to one of gold would be equivalent to the confiscation of nearly half the savings that these people have invested. It would be tantamount to a war upon American home-makers. It would be an invasion of "the homes of the provident," and tend directly to "destroy the stimulus to endeavor and the compensation of honest toil." Every one of the shareholders of these associations is entitled to be paid money of the same value which he deposited by weekly payments or otherwise in these companies. No one of them should be made homeless because a political party demands a change in the money standard of our country, as an experiment, or as a concession to selfishness or greed.

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PITHY PARAGRAPHS.

Last week the first ton of a new coal line reached New Orleans, La., the ton containing eleven barges of Alabama coal, brought there by the new route. The Southern Railway has entered into an agreement with four of the largest coal companies on its lines, including the Virginia & Alabama Coal Company, the Alabama Coal and Coke Company, the American Coal and Coke Company, and the Kalamazoo Coal Mining Company, intending to open up a direct delivery system from the western terminus at Greenville, Miss. This assures a cheaper coal for the Crescent City as well as for the plantations enroute.

It looks now as though Bryan would carry Arkansas in November, and with Utah and Nevada he will have done very well, indeed, for one so young.

One of the features of the season at the head of the lakes in the coal trade, is that the railroads in contracting for their supply to carry them through until next year have made their contracts on a basis of consuming about 60 per cent less than they did last year. This is partly due to the fact that the coal is so abundant that the roads do not anticipate a lively winter.

The President and the one living ex-President are in exact agreement as to how money should be spent. They belong to different parties. If the whole line of Presidents were alive it is safe to say that not one of them would tolerate for an instant the idea of a degraded dollar.

To reduce the wages of 3,000,000 farm laborers one-half in purchasing value would be a part of a like reduction in the wages of the other millions. This would reduce their power of consumption one-half. Let the farmer consider what that would mean. The census returned the value of farm products in the United States in 1880 at \$2,460,107,450. The exports were \$234,441,098. If \$1,227,956,352 in value of farm products, or 50 per cent of the total product is consumed in this country, the loss of one-half the home consumption by reduction in the purchasing power of the currency would deprive every farmer who depends on his occupation for a living.

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